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Penal Home Director Ends Life

Gordon Willey, Superintendent of Woman's Reformatory Ends Life

NO REASON GIVEN

Body Found in Cellar of Home At Bedford Hills By Wife

BEDFORD HILLS, May 23.—Gordon Willey, newly appointed superintendent of New York State Reformatory for Women, committed suicide with a large calibre revolver in the cellar of his home on the grounds of the institution today. He was 47.

His wife found the body when she awakened at 7:30 A. M. Willey, who had a career of experience with mentally defective and delinquent women in New York State and Pennsylvania, had seated himself on the floor of the cellar, his back against a post. Before him he propped a hand mirror against a pair of discarded slippers. He placed the muzzle of his 45 calibre revolver beneath his chin, pulled the trigger, and died instantly.

Chief Frank Mallette of the Bedford Town Police, who investigated the case, declared it was a suicide. Medical Examiner Amos O. Squire examined the scene and the body and this afternoon issued a certificate of death by suicide. He said there would be no formal inquest. Dr. Walter N. Thayer, State Commissioner of Correction, came to Bedford and took charge of affairs at the reformatory which hummed with repressed excitement as word of the suicide of the new superintendent traveled through the grim red brick buildings along the "grapevine."

Neither Mrs. Willey nor the police authorities could ascribe any reason for the suicide. The wife, who collapsed after finding the body of her husband but had regained her composure this afternoon, said Willey was very happy about his new post, entailing a promotion and an increase in pay. Only last week he had expressed confidence that he was making good.

Willey was in the habit of rising early and making personal inspection of the institution, which harbors 350 inmates, most of them young girls, delinquents, largely from New York City. This morning was the first he had been missed from his daily rounds since he came to Bedford just seven weeks ago.

Mrs. Willey made her discovery when the superintendent did not come for breakfast. She had been asleep and had not heard the shot. Dr. Squire determined that Willey had shot himself only a few minutes before his wife arose and went looking for him. The mirror was still tilted against the andirons, where Willey had placed it to guide his aim, when police arrived.

Officials of the institution did not notify police for two hours after the body was discovered. They called Dr. Thayer and William H. Clark, undertaker of Katonah, and then the Medical Examiner. Dr. Squire notified Chief Mallette who went immediately to the reformatory.

Willey came here April 4 from Albion where he had been superintendent of the institution for Mentally Defective Delinquent Women since last August. Before that he was assistant director and criminologist of the Pennsylvania Department of Mental Hygiene at Harrisburg.

He was born at Lawrence, Mich., and was graduated from the University of Michigan. During the World War he became a Captain in the Army Medical Corps at Kelly Field, Houston, Texas. He was married to Ethel Wolf. They have six children.

Willey succeeded Dr. Leo Palmer as superintendent of Bedford Reformatory when the latter went to the new Walkkill prison. Dr. Palmer arrived here from Walkkill this afternoon. He, too, was unable to give a theory for Willey's act. Mrs. Willey's mother lived with them here.

KILLS SON, SHOOTS WIFE, ENDS HIS LIFE

BAYONNE, N. J., May 23 (UP)—Robert Knaut, twenty-six, last night shot and killed his ten-month-old son, wounded his wife, then killed himself because the child had been taken from him in a suit for non-support.

A letter in Knaut's pocket recited all his troubles, and added: "Above all that, my wife walks out on me, taking all I have in this terrible world, my money boy."
Last night the husband called at the home of his wife's parents, found her rocking the baby in a sleep, kissed her, then shot both.

Indian Mystic Arrives At Retreat In Harmon; Eight Given Interviews

Shri Sadguru Meher Baba To Leave Wednesday For Hollywood

NOW IN HARMON

Shri Sadguru Meher Baba arrived at his Harmon retreat at 11:30 this morning, and eight persons who desired an interview with the Indian mystic on "spiritual matters," were seen by the religious leader before luncheon.

His vow of silence unbroken, Meher Baba will rest at the retreat provided for him at Harmon by Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Schloss, and Wednesday evening will leave by train from Harmon station for Hollywood.

The trip from New York City was made by automobile.

Yesterday afternoon Meher Baba was given a reception by 400 persons at the home of J. G. Phelps-Stokes, 83 Grove Street, New York City.

So many hundreds were anxious to see the religious leader who has been termed by his disciples, "The Messiah," "The God Man" and "The Perfect Master," that admittance to the reception was by card only.

Each guest was taken before Meher Baba, who sat in a small room off the reception room. Later the leader came out upon a balcony and listened while Meredith Starr, his chief English disciple, read the message of the Baba, repeating it four times.

Meher Baba will have no appointments at Harmon for tomorrow, Malcolm Schloss, his agent in this country, said today.

Mr. and Mrs. Schloss will accompany the mystic in Hollywood. They will spend five days there, and will then go to Santa Barbara for another five days. On or about June 25 the party will return to Hollywood.

Retreats will be established in California and New Hampshire. The purpose of the retreats, according to the Indian's disciples, is to enable those who live there to realize the "One Supreme Self" either through physical contact or "through living in an atmosphere so highly charged with his love and his grace that the hearts and minds of those who live there are changed through contact with it."

Bleakley Sets Damage Suits For Preference

Actions Brought by Parents Of Harmon Girl Scheduled For June 6

Supreme Court Justice William F. Bleakley has granted a preference for an early trial in the damage suits brought by the parents of Gloria Edell, eighteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Edell, of Croton Point Park, Harmon, against Bertha Likens, also of Harmon, for injuries alleged to have been received Dec. 30, 1928, while riding in the defendant's car on the Albany Post Road near Cold Spring.

The Edell complaint alleges that through the driver's negligence the car collided with another and the girl received a fracture of the pelvis and spine, bones separated and various internal hurts, all of which seem permanent.

Two actions have been started, one for \$50,000 and the other for \$20,000. The girl's mother, Mrs. Clothilde Edell, was appointed guardian for the purpose of bringing the suit, and she alleges her daughter is in need of medical services and attention and also should have a change of environment on the recommendation of the family physician, Dr. John A. Fajella. New braces and other appliances are essential at this time, also, as the old ones are worn out.

The family alleges that it is practically penniless and destitute, and owes considerable sums for living expenses, fuel, light, and other household expenses, besides money to banks for loans.

For these reasons Judge Bleakley granted the application for preference and the trial of the case has been set for June 6.

SKIDDING TRUCK CRASHES INTO CAR

An automobile collision, in which none were injured, was reported Saturday afternoon at the corner of Croton Avenue and Pleasantville Road.

Miss Billie Ricka, 110 Riverside Drive, New York City, had stopped her car at the red light and was waiting for it to change to green, when a Stern Brothers' truck, driven by Joseph C. DeLorme, of the Bronx, skidded in a pool of water on one side of the road, and crashed into the side of her car, denting the body and breaking two windows. No arrests were made.

JUDGE COLLECTS \$40 FROM SPEEDERS

Fines amounting to \$40 for speeding were imposed today by Police Judge I. N. Valentine on five persons arrested by Motorcycle Patrolman James T. Coutant. They included: Antonio S. Coelho, Newark, \$5; Francis Spink, Albany, \$10; Herman Fleisher, Brooklyn, \$10; Julius Tamm, Albany, \$10, and Anthony Cooper, Stamford, Conn., \$5.

Gonsalves Case Goes To The Jury

Coyle Gives Charge To Panel After Summations Are Given

LONG SPEAKS AN HOUR

Says State Failed To Prove Gonsalves Was Not Defending Self

WHITE PLAINS, May 23.—Frank Gonsalves, forty-year-old Ossining Portuguese, probably will know some time tonight whether he is to go free, or to spend from 20 years to life in Sing Sing if convicted of killing Di Eira, another resident of Ossining, last February.

County Judge John B. Coyle, who has presided over a jury hearing evidence in the case all last week, was to start his charge to the jury this afternoon.

Summations in the case were made this morning and early this afternoon by Charles E. Long, defense counsel, and Assistant District Attorney Lawrence Hazard, prosecutor.

Mr. Long spoke for more than an hour and urged the jury to remember that the State had failed to prove that Gonsalves was not defending himself from an attack by Di Eira in the rear room of an Ossining restaurant when the shooting took place.

Mr. Hazard, in his summation, told the jury that the shooting was inspired by jealousy over the fact that Caroline Abrew, Gonsalves' common law wife, had preferred Di Eira's attentions.

Man Slashed On Hand In Street Fight

Argument Over Cigar Results In Cutting; Seek Knife Wielder

As the result of an argument over a crushed cigar, Gulassipi Pinto of 55 North Highland Avenue, was cut with a knife on his right index finger which required two stitches to close the wound. Pinto told police this morning when he asked for a warrant for the arrest of Joseph Gonsalves, address unknown.

Pinto alleged that Gonsalves, in a speakeasy, quarreled with him when he handed a cigar to a friend and declared that Pinto had crushed a cigar owned by Gonsalves.

A fight took place, Pinto said, and about 11 o'clock Saturday night Gonsalves lurked in the door of Ossining Postoffice on Main Street, and as Pinto passed, slashed at him with a knife.

"I ducked," said Pinto, "and the knife, instead of cutting me on the face, cut my finger."
Police were given the warrant by Police Justice I. N. Valentine, but were dubious whether they could arrest the Portuguese who was alleged to have left Ossining early yesterday morning.

Capone Aides Offered Help, Moore Reveals

Proffered Jersey Governor Assistance In Kidnapping Case

TRENTON, N. J., May 23 (AP).—Governor A. Harry Moore today confirmed reports that three weeks ago four reputed agents of Al Capone, imprisoned Chicago gang leader, approached him at midnight with an offer to aid in the Lindbergh case.

Governor Moore said that he was walking home when the four men suddenly grouped around him and told him who they were. He said he felt "none to comfortable."

"I had just passed a policeman whom I know," he said, "and that was a bit of comfort. I stopped where I was and decided to call him if necessary."
The men told the Governor they would give all assistance in obtaining the return of the baby, whose body was found shortly after that about five miles from the Lindbergh home, provided that Capone, who is serving a term in Atlanta penitentiary, be given "full credit."

"They said they believed Al Capone could help get the baby," the Governor reported. "I promised to give their information to Colonel Lindbergh, which I did."

POLICE GUARD COURT

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP).—Communist threats of a demonstration hurried a detail of city police today to guard the Supreme Court.

RETORTS to Smith on budget



SENATOR ROBINSON

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP).—The appeal signed by Alfred E. Smith and ten other nationally prominent men for non-partisan congressional action in the balancing of the budget drew the sharp rejoinder from Senate leaders today that politics have been laid aside by Congress on this issue.

Addressing the Senate, Watson and Robinson, the Republican and Democratic leaders, respectively, declared Congress merited praise for its non-partisan activity instead of criticism for failing to act that way.

Miss Earhart, seated between Ambassador Andrew W. Mellon and Sir John Simon, British Foreign Secretary, was warmly praised by Mellon for her courage. Responding modestly to a toast, she said: "My flight adds nothing to aviation. It is merely a personal justification. I am not planning another like it. It would take four years to sell the idea to my husband again."

"I am convinced that we shall see regular trans-Atlantic flying in our time and I hope to be able to make some such regular trip. This service will be conducted with big ships, equally at home on the water and in the air."

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Gyros Causes Near Riot At Indian Point

Several Have Narrow Escape As Machine Is Forced Down

There was almost a riot at Indian Point yesterday during a soccer game between two New York City teams playing on the clearing there, which is almost entirely surrounded by a forest and is about the only level cleared space in the vicinity. It was not caused by the players or 200 odd spectators however, but by the sudden descent in their midst of a gyroscope making a forced landing and finding that spot the only one available at the time.

Several narrowly escaped injuries as the crowd scurried out of the way.

The pilot, "Svede" Peterson, of the Curtis Airport at Valley Stream, L.I., narrowly escaped being mobbed by the enraged crowd and Charles T. Olcott, of the Hudson River Day Line, who happened to be at the Point, which his company owns and operates, sent a call to the Buchanan village police. Chief William Gilman, who had noted the gyro descending was already on his way.

On his arrival it was a moot question of what charge to make against Peterson, and after he received numerous highly charged solo and chorus "bawlings out," he was allowed to go on his way with the stern admonition to keep far away from Indian Point in the future.

Many Ossining residents viewed the plane passing down the river after the pilot made his getaway.

VANDALS STEAL PLANTS

Bravely despoiling the newly planted area surrounding Peaskill's monument to its soldiers and sailors, vandals last night uprooted 200 tulip bulbs which had been set out to beautify the monument over Memorial Day.

Honor Paid to Girl-Flier In London

Mrs. Putnam Sees Regular Air Service To Europe As Certain

PRAISED BY MELLON

Cheered As She Reaches London After Long Rest

LONDON, May 23 (UP).—Regular trans-Atlantic service in the near future with big flying boats which will be safe in the air and on the water, was predicted today by Amelia Earhart Putnam, of Rye, N. Y., first woman to fly the Atlantic alone.

Miss Earhart, responding to a toast at a luncheon of the Institute of Journalists, announced she was not planning another trans-Atlantic flight similar to the one just completed, but hoped to fly the Atlantic Ocean again when regular service is established.

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Stock Market Prices Higher

Spurt In Wheat, Advance Of U. S. Issues Help

NEW YORK, May 23 (UP).—A spurt of more than a cent a bushel in wheat, bringing prices of that commodity to new highs for more than a month, and a substantial advance in United States government issues helped the stock market maintain gains of fractions to a point in the morning dealings today.

Some selling appeared around noon, but was well absorbed. A few issues displayed weakness, but the general list experienced no unusual pressure. Volume continued very small.

Steel common touched 29 3/8 up 3/8 and around noon held around previous closing levels. American Can, J. I. Case, Auburn and several other relatively active issues held fractional gains. Railroad shares were slightly above the previous close but under the highs of the day. Utilities lost ground in small amounts, with Public Service of New Jersey off more than a point at 39 7/8. Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit issues were weak in the transactions.

Industrial Rayon was fairly active, declining 3 3/8 points to a new low at 14 5/8. City Ice & Fuel equaled its low at 15 off 1. Marine Midland made a new low at 7 5/8 off 3/8, while General Foods equaled its low at 26 7/8 off 1/8.

Board Willing To Quash Order On Ash Removal

House Rejects Beer As Means Of U.S. Revenue

Flatly Turns Down Proposal To Legalize 2.75% Beer

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP).—The House of Representatives today flatly turned down the proposal to legalize and tax 2.75 per cent beer.

Representative Fitzpatrick, Dem. of the Bronx and Westchester, voted for the tax on beer.

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP).—Without hopes of a majority but with an eye cocked toward the November elections, wets in the House today called their colleagues to the ballot box for a record vote on taxing 2.75 per cent beer.

Political repercussions may be wide from the voting, but party lines long ago were knocked away. Sponsored by a bi-partisan anti-prohibition bloc, the ballot was forced in a petition signed by 77 Democrats, 67 Republicans and one Farmer-Laborite.

It would place a tax of 3 cents a pint on the beverage and was designed by its sponsors, in the face of bitter upbraiding from colleagues, to place each member on record as to the liquor question before he goes before his constituency in the Fall.

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Curtis May Not Be Prosecuted For Lindy Hoax

Real Story Of Builder's Work Yet Remains To Be Told

HOPEWELL, N. J., May 23 (UP).—John Hughes Curtis may not be prosecuted for his Lindbergh baby hoax, it was suggested today as former Congressman Joseph T. Deal announced in Norfolk that "the real story of Curtis' work remains to be told."

Deal retained Attorney W. C. Pender who has been here representing Curtis, presumably attempting to arrange \$10,000 bail on the misdemeanor charges under which the Norfolk boat builder is held.

Deal's public statement Sunday asked the public not to judge Curtis hastily, and urged that the public await a full disclosure of the facts surrounding Curtis' negotiations and his later "confession" that they were fiction.

Prosecution of Curtis, it was believed, would depend upon testimony by Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh.

Three Ready To Rescind Rule If Convinced Of Public Demand

AWAIT CONFERENCE

Pledge Votes To Continue Service If Taxpayers Are Dissatisfied

If the people of Ossining want their refuse cans carried from the rear yard to the curb, the service will be continued if Village Trustees are convinced of the demand. This was the consensus of three Trustees when questioned by this paper today.

Trustee Howard Dunscomb, who voted against a resolution introduced by Terence J. Cornelis which eliminated the service after June 1, was emphatic today in his statement that the service should not be discontinued.

Asked if he would vote to rescind the order which eliminated the service, he said:

"I wish the Trustees would vote to continue that service. I would vote to do it. I voted against the original order, and in the secret meetings at which we discussed it, I fought against the proposal. Although I have learned that other towns in the vicinity do not have the refuse carried to the curb, I believe it is a convenience that we have grown used to here and that it is now a necessity for us."

"If the order remains in force it means that the garbage cans will stand around the village streets all day long. That won't look so nice."

William G. Wood said if the majority on the board wanted a change in the order he would gladly vote for continuing the service.

"The idea of it was to save money on every possible item," Mr. Wood explained. "Everyone we talked to demanded that the board reduce taxes and for that reason we cut everywhere possible. Personally, this thing will work a hardship on me for I am a computer and I will have to put my barrels out to the curb before I catch a train in the morning, which will mean the curb will probably be decorated all day long with garbage cans, with papers flying about the street. If the whole town is up in arms and wants us to retain this little luxury, it would suit me to retain it."

George W. Haddow said he would do what the people wanted done.

"So far as I am concerned," Mr. Haddow said, "I am willing to give the people anything they want, if it can be proved they want it."

Mr. Haddow said that if there was enough demand for a change in the order at tomorrow night's conference, which will be open to the public, he would be glad to do what the people wanted done.

"My own personal opinion," he said in conclusion, "is that it is foolish to cut out the little improvements. But during the past two or three months everybody has talked lower taxes and the Trustees have done all they could to give the people what we thought they wanted."

Village President William H. Jackson was at his bungalow at Klrk Lake and it was reported at his office that Terence J. Cornelis was in New York City. Neither could be reached for a statement.

Siam King To Bar Marriage Of Prince To N. Y. Dancer

WASHINGTON, May 23 (UP).—The pressure of diplomacy and royal will are being exerted to thwart a reported romance of a prince of Siam and a Broadway "maxi" dancer.

King Prajadhipok of Siam, it was learned, has instructed Minister Phya Subarn Sompat here to make every effort to prevent the marriage of Prince Ned Sukavasi in "Chio" Baker, hostess in a New York dance hall.

"The prince, a student at Princeton, acknowledged to the minister his acquaintance with Miss Baker, but denied he intended to marry her. The prince has been a guest at several Princeton house parties.